imports of DL-2-Aminobutanol and D-Tartaric Acid and that records relating to fixation of responsibility have been removed from the Ministry's files;

(b) why the imports and their utilization have not been verified in this case;

(c) whether there is any specific prohibiton under any specific law which prevents the Minstry from doing so; and

(d) whether it is a fact that frauds worth crores of rupees have been committed in connivance with the Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) There is no such file in the Ministry dealing with the matter of misutilization of import of DL-2 Aminobutanol and D-Tartaric Acid for the manufacture of bulk drug Ethambutol Hcl. However, there was a case relating to non adoption of latest data in the cost cum technical report for bulk drug Ethambutol prepared by the BICP in 1988.

M/s S. G. Pharmaceuticals

1281. PROF. I. G. SANADI :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2085 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are shielding M/s S. G. Pharmaceuticals and its contentions that there is no liability of the company into DPEA in respect of Xylocaine and its formulations, is wrong;

(b) why did the company file a writ petition in the Delhi High Court and obtained stay if there was no liability;

(c) what were the prices of Xylocaine formulations and on what price of Xylocaine and mark up they were based on whether Government stayed the formulation prices worked out by the Sub-Committee of the DPRC in 1981;

(d) why the records have not been verified and the House has been misinformed; and

(e) who is responsible for such a state of affairs and hobnobbing with the company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Affairs of M/s ARISTO and M/s RHONE Poulanc

1282. PROF. I. G. SANADI :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2084 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1993 and state :

(a) whether Government have legal and unassailable right under the DPCO and the essential commodities Act, 1955 to call for any information having a bearing on the price;

(b) if so, why M/s Rhone Poulanc and M/s Aristo have not been prosecuted so far for not furnishing information relating to Metronidazole procurement and price;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are soft pedalling the issue due to high connections of both the companies;

(d) what are the bulk drugs the production of which has been discontinued by M/s Rhone Poulanc and what are the bulk drugs produced by them from imported penultimates/intermediates; and

(e) why have they not gone basic and what was the import in terms of quantity and CIF value of each of these intermediates during the last three years, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The notices to submit the required data to work out the liabilities under Para 7(2) of DPCO 1979 in respect of bulk drug Metronidazole were issued to M/s Rhone Poulanc and M/s Aristo. M/s Rhone Poulanc had requested for personal hearing which was granted to them in June, 1993 in which the company has raised some legal issues which have been referred to Ministry of Law for advice. M/s Aristo has not submitted any details in spite of repeated reminders and the company has been informed that in case of failure to submit the required details, Government would be left with no alternative, but to